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will probably sail this month. There are no others now in port, and unless this year is an exception, of which there is no indication, there will be about 2 ships a month for the medical officer to look after at this port for the next 6 months. Jute forms the largest part of all the cargoes, and the crop for last year is now nearly disposed of, while that for this year is not yet grown.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—International Marine Congress—Smallpox in southern Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, April 25, as follows: During the week ended April 23, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Apr. 18	Vincenzo Florio.....	New York.....	497	30	955	14
19	Prinz Adalbert.....	do.....	1,068	165	1,138	17
20	Perugia.....	do.....	1,102	150	1,325	20
20	Nord America.....	do.....	923	160	1,420	18
21	Neustria.....	do.....	895	135	1,215	8
22	Regina Elena.....	do.....	544	50	1,115	15
22	Prinzess Irene.....	do.....	1,180	180	2,230	8
23	Citta di Milano.....	do.....	1,303	125	1,230	19
23	Montserrat.....	do.....	383	45	1,110	7

PALERMO.

Apr. 19	Vincenzo Florio.....	New York.....	234	75	340	14
21	Manilla.....	New Orleans.....	761	100	850	33

International Marine Congress.

The fourth congress of the International Marine Association will be held at Lisbon from May 22 to May 28, 1904. In addition to topics to be discussed under the general head of oceanography and hydrography, measures will be considered for the unification of all matters connected with the treatment of vessels in ports, presumably including quarantine. In the programme a separate heading is given to the improvement of ports by the installation of practical appliances for the treatment of vessels. Sailors' charitable associations, the Panama Canal, wireless telegraphy, fisheries, territorial seas, international marine statistics, North Atlantic weather forecasts, and yachting are among the subjects to be discussed.

Smallpox in southern Italy.

Owing to the large emigration from all parts of southern Italy of persons who are brought in close contact with each other at Naples prior to embarkment, and in view of unofficial reports from various sources of the occurrence of smallpox at different points in the region